

District of Columbia Public Schools
2009 Summer Reading List for Rising 3rd Grade Students

Author	Title	Synopsis
Adler, David A.	Lou Gehrig	The life of the Yankees' star ballplayer, focusing on his character and his struggle with the terminal disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
Adler, David A.	Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery	When a baseball game is stopped because of a lost ball, Cam uses her photographic memory to find the ball.
Barber, Tiki	Teammates	"Voyager Books." Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.
Bishop, Nic	Nic Bishop Frogs	Full-color, illustrated photographs describing the characteristics and behaviors of a variety of frogs around the world.
Bryan, Ashley	Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry	"Aladdin picture books"--Cover. Presents poems or excerpts from poems written by African-American poets, featuring one selection for each letter of the alphabet.
Cameron, Ann	Stories Julian Tells	The dog that called the signals. A boy and his psychic dog are able to steal plays from the opposing football team.
Christopher, Matt	The Dog That Stole Football Plays	Continues: <i>The Dog That Called the Signals</i> . A boy and his psychic dog are able to steal plays from the opposing football team.
Cleary, Beverly	Muggie Maggie	Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.
Coulter, Laurie	When John and Caroline Lived in the White House	Photographs and text help describe what John and Caroline Kennedy's lives were like while they were living in the White House.
Dahl, Roald	Fantasic Mr. Fox	Three farmers, each one meaner than the next, try all-out warfare to get rid of Mr. Fox and his family.
Dalgliesh, Alice	The Courage of Sarah Noble	An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.
Delacre, Lulu	Rafi and Rosi: Carnival!	Two Latin American tree frogs, mischievous Rafi and his younger sister Rosi, enjoy the events of Puerto Rico's Carnival season. Includes glossary.
De Gross, Monalisa	Donavan's Word Jar	When the jar that Donovan keeps his word collection in fills up, he finds a special way to give his words away and get something wonderful in return.
Di Camillo, Kate	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

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Gannett, Ruth	My Father's Dragon	A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.
Giovanni, Nikki	Rosa	An illustrated account of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, and the subsequent bus boycott by the black community.
Gladstone, Valerie	A Young Dancer	Christy Ottaviano books." Provides insight into the world of dance through the eyes of thirteen-year-old Iman Bright, a student at the prestigious Ailey School in New York City.
Grifalconi, Ann	A Village That Vanished	In southeastern Africa, a young Yao girl and her mother find a way for their fellow villagers to escape approaching slave traders.
Grimes, Nikki	Meet Danitra Brown	A little girl introduces her best friend through a collection of thirteen poems.
Guiberson, Brenda Z.	The Emperor Lays an Egg	An account of the activities of mother and father emperor penguins as they share the duties involved in laying and nurturing eggs, and caring for the newly hatched penguins.
Holm, Jennifer	Babymouse	An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.
Hopkinson, Deborah	From Slave to Soldier	A boy who hates being a slave joins the Union Army to fight for freedom, and proves himself brave and capable of handling a mule team when the need arises.
Jenkins, Steve	The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest	Descriptions of the conditions and terrain of Mount Everest, attempts that have been made to scale this peak, and general information about the equipment and techniques of mountain climbing.
Johnson, Angela	Sweet Smell of Roses	Two young girls participate in a freedom march and listen to Dr. Martin Luther King speak during the civil Rights movement.
Johnson-Davies, Denys	Goha the Wise Fool	A collection of fourteen tales about the folk hero Nasreddin Hoca, also known as Goha, a man with a reputation for being able to answer difficult questions in a clever way.
Jones, Charlotte	Accidents May Happen: Fifty Inventions	Descriptions of how a wide variety of things such as nursery rhymes, the national anthem, anesthesia, cellophane, raisins, and dynamite came into being.
Jordan, Roslyn	Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit...	A young Michael Jordan puts salt in his shoes, hoping it will help him grow tall enough to become a famous basketball player.
Jurmain, Suzanne	George Did It	A look at the life of President George Washington, in simple text with illustrations, providing a humorous account of how he tried to avoid taking on the role after serving in the U.S. military during the revolution.

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Kirby, Pamela	What Bluebirds Do	Full-color photographs and easy-to-follow text details the unique characteristics and behaviors of bluebirds, and also describes courtship, nesting, hatchlings, fledglings, diet, and other related topics.
Lasky, Kathryn	The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	The life and work of Eratosthenes, the Greek geographer and astronomer who accurately measured the circumference of the Earth.
McDonald, Megan	Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid	The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.
Martin, Ann	The Doll People	A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.
Martin, Rafe	The Rough-Face Girl	In this Algonquin Indian version of the Cinderella story, the Rough-Face Girl and her two beautiful but heartless sisters compete for the affections of the Invisible Being.
Marzollo, Jean	Soccer Sam	Sam's cousin from Mexico comes for an extended visit and teaches Sam and all the second graders to play soccer.
Milne, A. A.	Winnie-the-Pooh	The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends, Pooh, Piglet, Owl, Tigger, and Eeyore in the hundred-acre woods.
Pennybacker, Sara	Clementine	While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
Pinkney, Andrea D.	Dear Benjamin Banneker	Story of the correspondence between Benjamin Banneker, a free black man, who wrote to Thomas Jefferson to tell him how he felt about Jefferson owning slaves.
Pomerantz, Charlotte	The Outside Dog	Marisol, who lives in Puerto Rico, wants a dog very much but her grandfather will not let her have one, until a skinny mutt wins him over.
Richardson, Justin	And Tango Makes Three	At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.
Sandler, Michael	Lebron James: I Love Challenges!	A brief overview of the life and career of NBA star LeBron James, discussing his childhood, early career with the NBA, experiences with the Olympic basketball team, and other related topics.
San Souci, Robert	Fa Mulan: The Story of a Woman Warrior	A retelling of the original Chinese poem in which a brave young girl masquerades as a boy and fights the Tartars in the Khan's army.
Sieszka, Jon	Stinky Cheese Man	Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.

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Smith, Lane	John, Paul, George and Ben	A humorous look at the early lives of five founding fathers of the United States, including George Washington, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.
Standiford, Natalie	The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto	A recount of the life of Balto, the sled dog who braved a snowstorm to deliver medicine to Nome, Alaska, during a 1925 diphtheria epidemic.
Stroud, Bettye	The Patchwork Path	While her father leads her toward Canada and away from the plantation where they have been slaves, a young girl thinks of the quilt her mother used to teach her a code that will help guide them to freedom.
Wells, Rosemary	Lincoln and His Boys	Brothers Willie and Taddie share stories about their father, Abraham Lincoln, focusing on the years they lived in the White House.
Wiesner, David	The Three Pigs	The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.
Winter, Jonah	You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!	A brief overview of the life of Sandy Koufax, discussing the obstacles and physical challenges he faced, his successful career, his retirement, and other related topics.